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Re: *Application Number 10/761,561*

## APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S FIRST OFFICE ACTION

1. In response to Examiner's Objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a), please find Applicant's amended drawings enclosed, showing the perpendicular surfaces of claim 4.
2. In response to Examiner's Rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 USC 102(b), Applicant states that the device taught as his current invention differs significantly from, and does not claim the inventive technology of, the device as disclosed in Applicant's disclosure to Cabela's. Applicant has enclosed a color photograph showing the invention as disclosed to Cabela's as Exhibit 1.<sup>1</sup> Applicant has also provided color photographs of the current invention as Exhibit 2. Referring now to Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and the invention as disclosed in the present Application, it is clear that the current invention differs in the following manners.
  - A. Claims 1 - 4. The present invention's overall design and connecting means differ significantly from the invention as disclosed to Cabela's. As noted below, the connecting means of the present invention allows for the vertical movement of the device, as well as allowing the device to be disconnected as needed. The connection means also further imparts a downward angle upon the device that is not imparted by the design of the invention as disclosed to Cabela's.
  - B. Claim 5. The current invention's bottom edge is angled downward in the direction from the proximal to the distal end (as shown in Exhibit 2); the invention as disclosed to Cabela's does not include this feature. It is obvious from Exhibit 1 that the invention as disclosed to Cabela's has a bottom edge generally parallel to the shaft of the blade.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant has also submitted his Affidavit, attached as Exhibit 3, attesting to the inventive differences between the invention disclosed to Cabela's and the current invention, as well as attesting to the date of the photograph disclosed as Exhibit 1 and the photographs disclosed as Exhibit 2.